

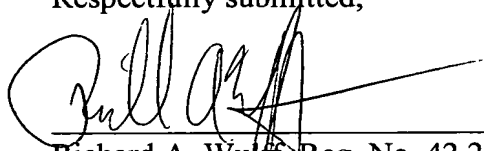
In re Appln. of Girault et al.  
Application No. Unassigned  
(U.S. National Phase of PCT/FR2003/002000)

**Remarks**

The present application is a U.S. National Phase of a PCT patent application. The specification has been amended to comply with formal requirements for U.S. patent applications to insert headings into the specification. Claims have been amended to further clarify the subject matter for which protection is sought and/or to eliminate multiple claim dependencies and reference numerals therefrom. A new abstract has also been inserted.

No new matter was added by these amendments. The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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